



**Rural Mental Health Research:
Charting a Future Course**

December 14 & 15, 2000

*NIH Neuroscience Center
6001 Executive Boulevard
Rockville, MD*

AGENDA

Day One: Thursday, December 14

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome & Introductions

*Grayson Norquist, M.D., MS.P.H.
Director, Division of Services and Intervention Research, and
Acting Director, Office of Rural Mental Health Research
National Institute of Mental Health*

9:15 ***Charting a Future Course in Rural Mental Health Research***
An overview of the meeting will be presented.

*Carmen P. Moten, Ph.D., MPH.
Office of Rural Mental Health Research
National Institute of Mental Health*

9:30 ***NIMH Rural Mental Health Research Portfolio***
A brief overview of the NIMH Rural Mental Health Research Portfolio will be presented.

*Anthony Pollitt, Ph.D.
Office of Rural Mental Health Research
National Institute of Mental Health*

9:45 ***Rural Mental Health Research: A Global Perspective***
An overview of empirical research in the rural mental health services field.

*Kathryn Rost, Ph.D.
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
Denver, Colorado*

10:30 Morning Break

10:45 **Priority Research Area #1: Access Barriers**

Participants will discuss key questions in research on access barriers to mental health care in rural areas.

*Leaders: David Lambert, Ph.D.
National Association of Rural
Mental Health
Portland, Maine*

*Mitzi Anderson, Ph.D.
National Alliance for the
Mentally Ill
Whitefish, Montana*

11:15 **Priority Research Area #2: Socio-Cultural Issues**

Participants will discuss key questions in research on socio-cultural issues in rural America.

*Leaders: Edison Tricket, Ph.D.
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chicago, Illinois*

*Linda Burton, Ph.D.
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA*

12:15 Lunch

1:15 **Priority Research Area #3: Interventions for Mental Health Care** *Participants will discuss key questions in research on interventions for mental health care in rural America.*

*Leaders: Kathryn Rost, Ph.D.
University of Colorado Health
Sciences Center
Denver, Colorado*

*Mary Harper, Ph.D.
General Psychiatric Research
Consultant
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

2:15 **Priority Research Area #4: Mental Health Information Dissemination and Intervention Implementation Research**

Participants will discuss key questions in research on mental health information dissemination and intervention implementation in rural America.

*Leaders: Joel Yager, Ph.D.
University of New Mexico
Health Sciences Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico*

*Beverly Jones, M.D.
Wake Forest University
Winston Salem, North Carolina*

2:45 Afternoon Break

3:00 ***Discussion: Building Rural Mental Health Networks/Partnerships***
Participants will engage in an open dialogue to address the key issues for building mental health networks/partnerships in rural America.

<i>Leaders:</i>	<i>Spero Manson, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Ms. Kathleen McKinney</i>
	<i>University of Colorado</i>	<i>National Mental Health</i>
	<i>Health Sciences Center</i>	<i>Association</i>
	<i>Denver, Colorado,</i>	<i>Alexandria, Virginia</i>

4:00 General Discussion

4:30 ***Telehealth: Electronic Information and Telecommunications Technologies***
An overview of telehealth to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health and health administration in rural and medically underserved areas.

Dena Puskin, Sc.D.
Office for the Advancement of Telehealth
Health Resources and Services Administration
Rockville, Maryland

5:00 Adjourn for the Day

6:30 Dinner (on your own)

Day Two: Friday, December 15, 2000

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 ***Discussion: Building a Capacity for Rural Mental Health Research***

Participants will engage in an open dialogue to address the key issues for building a capacity for mental health research in rural American.

*Leaders: Rand Conger, Ph.D.
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa*

*John Fortney, Ph.D.
University of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas*

10:00 ***Discussion: Rural Mental Health Research: Charting a Future Course***

Participants will discuss potential priority research questions for rural mental health research.

*Leaders: Grayson Norquist, MD., MS.P.H.
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*Anthony Pollitt, Ph.D.
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12:00 Closing Remarks/Meeting Adjourns